

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the purpose of this bill has been passed out. It was the one headed Request #740. What it does is adds to the appropriation for last year relative to the lawsuit of the community colleges and what was declared as an unconstitutional mill levy. The amount that was appropriated last year was an estimated two million. You will recall that the Department of Revenue submitted a letter to the Legislature which appears in the Journal for the day of January 21st which is page 227, 226, certifying that the correct amount or the additional amount that is required was a \$1,688,380.57. There is a typo error in the bill as it is introduced. It is \$668,000 rather than the \$688,000 but the committee can revise that at the committee hearing on the bill. So I would move the bill be introduced to fulfill the legal requirement of replacing that money back to each of the counties.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of the Chair. This will require 33 votes as a deficiency appropriation or not?

PRESIDENT: I don't think this is a deficiency appropriation. I think it is merely the introduction of a bill so it would require 30 votes. You are making a request for a ruling? That is the ruling so you can do as you like about it. Any further discussion? The question is, shall this bill be introduced? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays on motion to introduce.

PRESIDENT: The bill is introduced.

CLERK: Mr. President, a new bill, LB 475. Read title. That is all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We now go to General File, LB 117, Senator Cullan, Education Committee.

CLERK: LB 117. Read title. There are committee amendments offered by Senator Frank Lewis' Education Committee.

PRESIDENT: Ordinarily, Senator Cullan, we take up the amendment first so I will call on Senator Lewis and then you. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I certainly don't want to usurp Senator Cullan's right to explain the bill. We agreed to an amendment that Senator Cullan presented to us which delineated even more the transportation question. As you know, the issue at hand is payment for transportation for miles traveled. The amendment basically deals with the fact that some families deliver children to more than one school and so it'd prorate the cost between those two schools. It is a very simple amendment and I would move the adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Before we proceed with the vote on that, would you want to explain further the bill or the amendment, Senator Cullan?